Remarks

As per the Amendment filed on August 29, 2008, reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Per the preceding Amendment, within the "Amendments to the Claims," a complete listing of all of the claims has been presented in ascending numerical order. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of December 1, 2008, the claims have been amended only to correct the amendment markings for claim 206. These changes introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121). Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the above Amendment, and entry of the Amendments filed on August 29, 2008 and February 5, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference).

Based on the Amendment and Remarks filed on August 29, 2008 and February 5, 2008, and the present Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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